



Grenadines Islands Cruising Guide

Grenada

Grenada boasts a quiet sea, a peaceful atmosphere, excellent watersports conditions, and beautiful beaches. The Capital, St. George's, is an idyllic colonial port town with comparable charms to Porto Fino in Italy. One of Grenada's most stunning beaches is Grand Anse, with two miles width sheltered bay of white sand. This place is ideal to go snorkeling and scuba diving in the sunken wrecks or reefs. During the winter, there the opportunity to do whale watching. Inland, "Grand Etang National Park & Forest Preserve" is a popular day trip, offering rainforest hikes around the rim of an extinct volcano.



Carriacou

Carriacou (carry-a-cou) is the third and hidden jewel of the nation of Grenada. Unknown to the major part of visitors of the islands, you won't find cruise ships, big resorts or souvenir shops. There, you will find the Caribbean lifestyle as it was 50 years ago: quiet, friendly and stress-free.



Petit Saint Vincent

Next step is the wonderful island of Petit St Vincent. Ideal for snorkeling, scuba diving, swimming and exploring the amazing life underwater, this is a peace of heaven. For those who enjoy a good hike, the winding path offered by the island leads up to the Marni Hill's 275 ft. summit. The reward of your efforts will be an expansive view of the surrounding archipelago and stunning Caribbean sea. This hike is best enjoyed in the morning or late afternoon to avoid the midday sun.



Tobago Cays

Not to be confused with the island of Tobago, Tobago Cays are one of the snorkeler's paradise. On peaceful days, it is possible to anchor the yacht just within the reef - the water depth averages five to twelve feet.

The sunrays reflect on the white sand wide beached during the afternoon and the blue of the sea turns the entire area into a bright emerald colour. It is really spectacular. Anchor off one of the Cays for the night and enjoy a barbeque on the beach during the evening.



Mustique

Back in the 15th century, Mustique was one of the favourite hiding places for pirates with their ships and treasures. It was then that Europeans started cultures and created sugar plantations.

Mustique is now a private island owned by shareholders from 17 different countries who are dedicated to preserve the island's environment and natural beauty. There is a wide variety of activities to do, including tennis, pedestrian and equestrian trails, diving, relaxation on the beach and shopping.



Bequia

Anchor in Admiralty Bay off Bequia and enjoy an amazing sunset from the Frangipani Hotel Waterfront bar, followed by a candlelight dinner at the Verandah restaurant in the Plantation House.

Bequia is just 7 miles square but worth the stop. This exquisite island links the two island states of St. Vincent and Grenada. Its seclusion has ensured it has retained its age- old traditions of boat building and fishing. Bequia tends to attract the more adventurous type of visitor who prefers the tropical delights and atmosphere that can only be found on smaller Caribbean islands, where the idyllic beaches are secluded and high rise hotels do not mar the scenery.



Wallilabou Bay

A few years ago, the isolated Wallilabou Bay was one of the most distinguishable places in all of SVG. The little anchorage was transformed into the pirate haven of 'Port Royal' and various parts of the first Pirates of the Caribbean movie were filmed here in 2002 (in addition to a couple of scenes from one of the sequels). It is a beautiful natural setting with calm waters surrounded by forest and far from any civilization. Today the last vestiges of most of the sets are long gone, but one of the building facades has been maintained for fans alongside a few props from the movie.



Pitons, St. Lucia

If one town had to be the heart and soul of St. Lucia, it would be Soufrière. There are still a lot of colonial-era edifices spread amongst brightly painted wooden structures and a bustling seafront. The surrounding landscape is little short of breathtaking: the skyscraping towers of rock, known as the Pitons stand guard over the town. Jutting from the sea, covered in vegetation and ending in a summit that looks otherworldly, these are St. Lucia's iconic landmarks.



Marigot Bay

The sheltered Marigot Bay is an exquisite example of natural architecture. Surrounded by towering palms and numerous hills, the narrow creek is said to have once hidden the entire British fleet from French pursuers. Yachts play the same trick these days – the bay is a popular place to drop anchor and hide away for a few nights while enjoying nearby beaches.





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